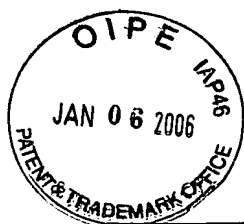


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Applicants	Beat Krattiger, <i>et al.</i>
Application No. 10/694,577	Filing Date: October 27, 2003
Title of Application:	Optical Instrument, in Particular an Endoscope, Having an Interchangeable Head
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**Response To Requirement Of Species Election**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 5, 2005.

Applicant hereby elects the Species of second transmission system:

- 1) optics arranged in interchangeable head and shaft.
- 2) image pick-up arranged in interchangeable head.

Applicants submit that claims 2-5, 7, 17-20, and 23-27 read on the elected species. Generic claims readable on both species of first and second transmission system are claims 1 and 9-16.

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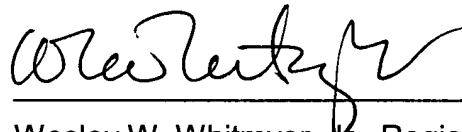
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